

BIA Climate Change Photo Contest Entries

Summer 2016

K -5th Grade

No Summer 2016 Entries

6th – 8th Grade
Summer 2016 Entries



*Long ago we used horses to travel, but nowadays all we of have are cars that pollutes the air.
Also people throw the car parts in the wash ruining our water.*

Kristal Puente, 8th Grade, Rocky Ridge Boarding School



Over 20 years the water used to be full, but due to the drought, plants and animals don't flourish like they use to.

Shakira Yazzie, 8th Grade, Rocky Ridge Boarding School



Years ago there used to be tons of water coming through here, but now there is only a little bit of water because of the drought we are in right now. Also in this wash there is only one big tree and only other small trees due to the drought.

Jade Benally, 8th Grade, Rocky Ridge Boarding School



Navajo Spinach saved Dine people from starvation on several occasions and is still used as an edible wild green to this day. As I try to search our valley, I've come across nothing. The plants don't have fresh air because many of our people burn trash and litter polluting our sacred plants. Each year the pollution seems to get worse, and changing everything that is precious to my people.

Lisa Lee, 8th Grade, Rocky Ridge Boarding School



The sun burning brighter and longer offering no relief for plants, animals and no relief seen in sight.

**Molly Potter, Grade 6
Dowagiac Middle School**



Agnes Guassac, 8th Grade

Morongo Band of Mission Indians - Morongo School

I chose this tree on our reservation, because my mom told me that she used to sit there when she was little to "listen to nature". I think the tree is broken because it's not as healthy as it used to be, due to our drought. This left the tree vulnerable to our bad winds, and a large branch broke off.



Joseph Waters, 8th Grade
Morongo Band of Mission Indians - Morongo School

In this photo, you'll see that some of the vegetation is dead. There used to be a river that flowed through and gave the plants everything they needed to survive. Our ancestors fought for this land and it housed habitats for wildlife and provided for my people. That stream is gone now; it died when a drought caused by climate change came into California. Now, the trees are dead, which in turn increases the chances of a wildfire occurring.



The impact of climate change is a tremendous risk to the well-being of our cultures.

David Austin Pierce, 7th grade

Somerset Academy of Las Vegas, Skypointe Campus Middle / High School



Climate change will eventually effect our plant and animal species.

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The greatest threat to our natural resources is the belief that someone else will save them.

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"Nothing in the Nature lives for itself. Rivers don't drink their own water. Trees don't eat their own fruit. Sun doesn't give heat for itself. Flowers don't spread fragrance for themselves." – Author Unknown David's Caption: *We must start to live for nature.*

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When I'm in nature, I am at peace.

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The changing climate will eventually destroy all of our medicinal plants and sacred animals due to lack of water.

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High School (9-12th Grade)
Summer 2016 Entries



Where there's water, there is life.

**Destiny Robles, 10th GRADE
Tohono O'odham High School**



Without this windmill , we would be thirsty for life.

**Destiny Robles, 10th Grade
Tohono O'odham High School**



Where prayers are answered

**Destiny Robles, 10th Grade
Tohono O'odham High School**



Sometimes Animal tracks are the only signs of changes in climate change

**Destiny Robles, 10th Grade
Tohono O'odham High School**



*Beauty is in the eye of the beholder,
Climate Change will change light forever*

**Nadia Baptisto, 11th Grade
Tohono O'odham High School**



Life is precious and should be established in the wind

**Destiny Robles, 10th Grade
Tohono O'odham High School**



Climate Change is redefining our lands, our air and our communities!

**Nadia Baptisto, 11th Grade
Tohono O'odham High School**



We as people determine what our Destiny will be! We don't have to wait for change, we can improve how we see climate change, and prevent its disasters.

**Nadia Baptisto, 11th Grade
Tohono O'odham High School**



*Climate Change is only a game people play,
lets play by the rules of the environment.*

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Tohono O'odham High School**



*I we could use this tree to tell the story about Climate Change,
we would start with the root system.*

**Nadia Baptisto, 11th Grade
Tohono O'odham High School**